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THE CIRCULATING MEDIUM.

A contemporary finds that there is plenty of private money in Honolulu, but little of it in circulation. Such a fact has often been in evidence before and would have been severely felt in past years save for the fact that the immense income of the Government in the old days was freely expended upon public works in a community that was small enough to profit agreeably by what was paid out for material and labor. Since the loss of customs and postal revenues, coupled with the growth of the population not enough money has escaped from a comparatively few pockets that bulge with sugar dividends to give the average man what he considers a fair share. Nor has the money that goes into circulation from public works begun to balance the outgo to a foreign country through 60,000 Japanese laborers. In a country of limited public revenues, where the profits of the staple industry go into a comparatively few pockets and where the bulk of the labor class exports the greater share of its wage, anything like a general average prosperity is very hard to attain.

What is needed here to put money in circulation is, first, to import a class of sugar labor that is infused with white men's wants and which will expend its wages on this soil; second, to people the land not required for sugar with an industrious white population which will buy and sell. This means a steady demand upon every white man's industry from lumber to ready-made clothing, a large volume of taxation to be expended upon public works and the retention of vast sums of money which now go abroad for times of necessity, including foodstuffs. As a people we may be the most comfortable and prosperous in the world if we make good use of our opportunities; but as a people we cannot get on by relying on the returns of a single industry to a few home people and to 60,000 aliens. In the South before the war there was a tremendous influx of money all the time; but ninety per cent of the population was poor. The profits went to the cotton and cane barons and those dependant on them; the poverty fell to all the rest. In the New South the general per capita average of wealth is steadily rising for the same reasons that would apply here.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The founder of the Salvation Army is probably the only man, excepting the Pope, who controls an organization of any kind in nearly every country of the globe. Masonry would be an exception to the rule if any one man stood at the head of it. Modern sociology has few more instructive studies than the growth of the Salvation Army in the few decades that separate us from the day when William Booth began his propaganda in the London streets. Such a growth could hardly have been foreseen in an age of skepticism and doubt and of widespread revolt from the primitive Protestant theology which finds, in the Salvation Army, almost its only and assuredly its most earnest champion. Yet the growth came soon and is increasing year by year—a circumstance which goes to show how easily the down-trodden masses in the world may be won to better things by a ministry of good works and sympathy and, most of all, by one of sincere and humble fellowship.

What is to be the ultimate development of this world-wide organization? Other religious bodies have begun in lowly state and by process of years and wealth attained an imperial condition. The beginnings of the Roman Catholic church were among a group of barefooted fishermen. The banner of Islam is a blacksmith's apron. In America, the home of sects, we are witnessing the evolution of the Methodist forms of worship into the Congregational, of the Congregational form into the low church Episcopalian order, of the low church Episcopalian ritual into high church impressiveness and splendor and from the high church service into all the pomp and glory of the Roman Catholic service. Within the memory of men now living one of the insignia of Methodism was the plain meeting house for plain people; but in the cities something of cathedral beauty has gone into the housing of the church and fashion throngs the pews. Prosperity has a magic wand; and there are few indeed who, like Tolstoi, can turn from its bright conventions and adhere to plain things. One may reflect upon a time when the venerable face of William Booth, saint and pontiff, will peer from the stained window above the marble altar where a priest whose glorified canons contain faint traces of the red blouse and the Russian cap of those humble pioneers of the faith, chants a solemn litany or elevates The Host. The Salvation Army, then a kindly institution, may look with disdainful eyes upon some small colony of pinched fanatics who are delving in the reek of cities for so poor a thing as some abandoned soul.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

The broader alliance which is being negotiated between England and Japan may have to do with the limitation of Russia's future advances in Asia. England undoubtedly fears that, with Russia's far-Eastern policy checked, the ambitious Northern power may direct its predatory energies towards India. Owing to this apprehension Lord Kitchener made his recent tour of the north-Indian frontier and issued his report on the inability of the local army, as at present organized, to even withstand Russian aggression. Following this, England would naturally look about for a cheaper means of securing her greater interests in Asia than that of flooding India with first-class troops.

Now it may well be that the object of the broader alliance, specifically stated, is either to establish a Monroe doctrine for Asia or to apply that European system of checks and balances called "the balance of power." For instance, England, Japan, Turkey and China could readily agree to keep things in statu quo in Asia, as against any possible aggressions by Russia and France; a course infinitely more economical than to leave matters as they are and invite future armed collisions. By combination the international peace may be kept in Asia as easily as in Europe.

Such a pact between England, Japan, Turkey and China or between England and Japan alone would preserve the integrity of Afghanistan and Persia and keep Russia precisely within the boundaries she will possess after her coming settlement with Japan.

There may be no relation between such enterprises and the broader alliance now proposed, but what is more natural than that two of the three great powers having interests in Asia should combine against future aggressions by a third, which is an enemy of both?

The Czar says that he will never consent to a shameful peace, an utterance clearly intended, like many others of recent and similar origin, to induce the Japanese to abate their demands. It may also be a domestic political purpose. But whatever the object, the world is aware that it is not the Czar's province to decide a matter in which the Japanese are such potent factors and in which the commercial world at large is so deeply concerned. In the nature of things the war cannot go on indefinitely, and if, on its ending, the Japanese simply keep what they have conquered and are likely to conquer in the next few weeks, the ensuing peace will still be full of shame to Russia. The payment of a large indemnity would not be more distressing to the national pride of that empire than the loss of all the Czar's possessions on the Pacific from the frozen Siberian north to the peninsula of the Liaotung. Wherever the Czar looks a shameful peace confronts him. He has merely his choice of evils.

Somebody seems to be in deadly earnest in his pursuit of Captain Parker, a police officer of the best class who committed the invidious offense of voting against Brown at the county election. Several plans have been tried to deprive Parker of the public confidence which has so far been strong enough to keep him in office. The latest is a story that he, anticipating a riot call at a certain hour, tipped off the information to Henry men only in the hope that they would respond ahead of the Brown men and get the lion's share of the credit. Chimerical as this story is it is sure to be matched and even over-matched by stories to come. So eager are the police authorities to get somebody into Parker's place who voted for Brown and may be useful to the proposed machine, that one is quite prepared to read, almost any afternoon, that Parker is suspected of having introduced the hookworm "to our midst."

It reads like old times, this story of a surplus of potatoes in Kula. Isn't that the place which was reported to be an agricultural failure a couple of years ago?

JAPANESE PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN HAWAII

According to an authoritative statistic, there were up to December, 1904, more than thirty private schools in Hawaii, whose function is to instruct Japanese children in correct written and spoken Japanese. We have called them private schools, inasmuch as it is voluntary upon the part of those who contribute to their support. They are public schools in another aspect, as no child is forbidden them because of inability of parent to contribute to their support.

At the time of the census, there were 1654 pupils in these schools. All these children attend the English public schools from nine to two o'clock, and it is in the afternoon only that they are enabled to attend the schools in their vernacular. As might be inferred, the motive of such schools is to instruct Japanese children in the laborious and difficult art of reading and writing their own language. Those who know nothing of our tongue, have little conception of the amount of time required to get a reading and writing knowledge of a modest vocabulary of four or five thousand words in Japanese. If these young people, after a residence here of some years, return to Japan, they will be ready by language and education to fall into the life of their fatherland. If those born here, choose America as their home, they will make better American citizens by the moral maxims, traditions, instruction in filial obedience and patriotism found in their schoolbooks. One who has no love for his own country, in our opinion, will make an indifferent citizen of an adopted country. To break with the past by forgetting all that is elevating in its language and literature is a sad misfortune. It strikes us that great credit and encouragement should be given the Japanese who voluntarily contribute out of their small means, such a comparatively large sum for the betterment of their countrymen.—Yamato Shimbun.

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